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Here is the MLK letter to Caudle. A new one addressed to me should arrive soon. I've given the original to Registry & kept a Xerox.

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Mr. Robert Caudle
Chief, Litigation Division
Office of General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Caudle:

Our letter of February 17, 1999, requested review of certain of your agency's files that might contain information relevant to our investigation of new allegations related to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Also, we agreed to advise you regarding anything we might include in our public report that relates to information obtained from your agency.

We appreciate your cooperation. Your office collected documents pursuant to our request for information from your agency's files related to three subject areas: (1) the activities of Marrell McCollough in Memphis in March and April 1968; (2) the activities of any member of the Memphis Police Department in that time period; and (3) the activities of any federal asset from your agency, other federal agencies or national security or military intelligence resources in Memphis during that same time period. Mr. Massie reviewed the documents provided in response to this request in May 1999.

Based on our review, we intend to include in the public report of our investigation a conclusion that the CIA has no records that indicate that anyone from the Memphis Police Department or any federal agency or the United States military was involved in anyway in the assassination of Dr. King.

Please advise your views about our proposed public release of this conclusion.

Sincerely,

Barry F. Kowalski
Special Litigation Counsel
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